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S. 2218

To provide for the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in a test of atomic weapons.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23, 2007

Mr. ROBERTS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Atomic Veterans Medal
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. ATOMIC TESTING SERVICE MEDAL.**

7 (a) SERVICE MEDAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
8 Defense shall design and produce a military service medal,

1 to be known as the “Atomic Testing Service Medal”, to
2 honor members of the Armed Forces who were exposed
3 to ionizing radiation as a result of atomic weapons tests
4 conducted by the United States between 1945 and 1963.

5 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—The Secretary of
6 Defense shall issue the Atomic Testing Service Medal to
7 each person who, while a member of the Armed Forces
8 serving on active duty, was exposed to ionizing radiation
9 as a result of atomic weapons testing conducted by the
10 United States between 1945 and 1963. In the case of any
11 such person who is deceased, the medal shall be issued
12 to the next-of-kin of such person.

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